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Hundreds Pray For Little Boy

Little Michael Stack, unaware that he is the object of the prayers of many of his fellow townspeople, lies between life and death, in the Choate Memorial hospital in Woburn. Seriously burned in a Thanksgiving Day accident, Michael has been improving every day—and slipping back every night. The improvement is a marvel, to the several physicians who are attending him, practically day and night, and the nights are a despair. Sunday night was almost his last, as his lungs filled with congestion, and a pulmotor worked for hours, keeping life in the little body.

Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stack of Marion street, spoke to his mother yesterday, from inside his oxygen tent. He told his mother that he wanted a steam shovel, and a horse, and a Roy Rogers cowboy suit for Christmas.

Whether or not the little boy will live is something that the attending physicians are unable to say, and they feel that they cannot make any favorable prognosis until two weeks have elapsed—a week from tomorrow. If Michael should live that long, the doctors say, then he may live. Meanwhile, to quote Dr. Vincent DiRago, his principal physician, "It's prayers that is keeping him alive."

The tragedy struck the Stack family about 3:20 p.m. Thanksgiving day, after the Stacks, and Mrs. Stack's parents had enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner.

Somehow the conversation led around to winter, and young Michael and his sister went upstairs, to look at the winter clothes, stored away in trunks. Michael came down stairs again, in a jacket which had been bought for him last spring, and of which he was very proud. He was

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MICHAEL STACK AND HIS DADDY



In a snapshot taken two years ago, Michael Stark is pictured in the arms of his heroic daddy, who was himself grievously burned, while rescuing the child, last Thanksgiving afternoon.

wearing the jacket, and his mother allowed him to go outside with it. Outside, a clothesline had been rigged to Michael's height, because he liked to help his mother. Some clothes were drying on this line, and he brought in two loads, pleased very much at his mother's praise for his "work". Michael went out for a third load.

In the back yard of the Stack home is an incinerator, in which, from time to time, Mrs. Stack has burned refuse. She has always been very careful about this, and had stopped older children from throwing kerosene on the fire, at various times, a trick which they had evidently learned from other children.

There were a few embers in the incinerator, and young Michael evidently decided that he would "help" the fire. He got a two gallon can of kerosene, as the story has been reconstructed, and lugged it over to the fire, meanwhile spilling the kerosene over his clothing. Then he attempted to throw Kerosene on the fire. He evidently made a swinging toss, for kerosene was spilled in a wide circle, over and around the fire, and the Stack family were horrified to hear a loud scream, as the boy's clothing caught on fire.

Michael's father rushed out and caught the boy, whose clothing was burning fiercely. He lay down on the boy, attempting to smother the fire, but this effort proved useless, whereupon he began to rip off the burning clothing, with his bare hands. He was assisted by Cyril O-

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HOSPITAL WHIST VERY SUCCESSFUL

The hospital whist, last Saturday, in the Legion hall, run by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary, was very successful, and the ladies have stated that they were very well pleased with the results. The special prize was won by Mrs. Bernard Chapman, and some of the other prize winners were: Mary White, Mina Delisle, Mary Starr and Grace Foye.

ENGAGEMENT OF EVELYN REYNOLDS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reynolds of Nickerson avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn M. to Mr. Carl G. Mason of 51 Vine street, Reading.

Miss Reynolds attended the Wilmington schools, and is employed in Wakefield, Mr. Mason attended Medford High School, is presently attending night classes at Wentworth Institute. He is employed as a machinist by Raytheon.

A spring wedding is planned.

PROMOTION FOR JOSEPH THIEL

Joseph Thiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Thiel, Atlantic avenue, has been promoted to Communications Technician second class, in the United States Navy, it was learned last night. Thiel is serving in Germany, with the Navy. His address is J. T. Thiel CT2, USN, U.S. Naval Security Group Det. USNAB, Navy 913, FPO, N.Y., N.Y.

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REGISTRATION OFFICE TO OPEN IN WOBURN

Representative Frank Tanner of Reading has announced that the Massachusetts Bureau of Motor Vehicles is to open an office, in the Armory, in Woburn, for the convenience of motorists in Woburn, and nearby towns, in registering their cars for 1954. The office will stay open until sometime in early January.

In his announcement, Mr. Tanner stated that Representative Charles Wilkinson of Reading had closely co-operated in the effort to have a registry office available for motorists in this region. Other legislators who also cooperated were Representative Gardner Campbell of Wakefield, Speaker of the House Charles Gibbons of Stoneham, and Senator Robert Campbell of Medford.

FOOTBALL BANQUET TICKETS ALL SOLD OUT

Tickets for the annual football banquet are unobtainable, as we go to press, with every ticket sold. The banquet is to be held in the high school cafeteria Saturday evening, and Charlie O'Rourke, coach of the football team at the University of Massachusetts is to be the speaker of the evening.

There is to be a cake sale, in the high school, tomorrow evening, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., to help defray the cost of the banquet. Girls of the home economic classes of Wilmington high school have made the cakes which will be offered for sale.

HIGH SCHOOL HAD 100% SCORE ON X-RAYS

The mobile van, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health which has been taking x-rays of students at Wilmington high school finished at noon Tuesday, after having x-rayed every student at the school. 10 students who were out for illness will be included in the program when the van is stationed at the American Legion hall, on December 7th.

The van will be at the Silver Lake Betterment hall, today and tomorrow, and will be at the J. W. Greer plant on Main street Friday. It will be at the American Legion hall for all of next week.

Sponsoring the van is the Wilmington Tuberculosis committee, which is endeavoring to have every adult in Wilmington have a chest x-ray, in an effort to eradicate tuberculosis in Wilmington. The committee has announced that no person will be refused an x-ray, if he comes to the van, even though he does not have an appointment.

V. F. W. WHIST PARTY TONIGHT

Nee-Ellsworth post 2458, V.F.W. will have a whist party, tonight, starting at 8 p.m., in the post headquarters, on Main street. Refreshments are to be served, and the public is invited.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Sunday Church School, at the Wilmington Methodist Church, will be at 9:15 a.m., under the direction of Mr. William Russell. In both the 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, Sunday, Holy Communion will be followed by a Communion Meditation on the Way of the Sacrament.

The Commission on Missions will meet at the parsonage at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the church at 5 p.m., and the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. Robert Belvin will speak and lead a discussion on gambling.

The Women's Society of Christian Service will meet Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the church.

The Men's Club will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at the home of Malcolm Butler, on West street.

The Adult Fellowship will meet Saturday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rice, for a covered dish supper.

DEATH OF JOHN C. COSTELLO

John C. Costello, 63, a retired printer, died November 24th. He had been a resident of Wilmington for the past 10 years, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Stevens, Federal street. He is survived by two brothers, Timothy, of Connecticut, Capt. Jerome Costello of the Watertown Fire Department, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Bowles of Watertown.

Funeral services were held in the McMahon Funeral home at 8 a.m. Nov. 28th, with a solemn high mass of requiem at St. Thomas church, at 9 a.m. Burial was in the family lot in St. Pauls cemetery, Arlington.

MISSING BELL

The school bell, in the American Legion Hall is missing. It was first noticed to be missing Monday morning, and Commander Arthur B. Harper and the boys of the American Legion are hoping for its return. Commander Harper doesn't know whether to suspect a prankish Legionaire, or a prankish school child, but he doesn't think its much of a joke.

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COMMON SENSE

We feel that the Additional School Accommodations Committee is to be complimented, on the report that they gave the townspeople last week. Above everything else, it was a common sense report, with commonsense recommendations, and it was accepted as such by the town.

HYDRANT RENTAL

Now that the time has come again for the annual consideration of the budget, we hope that some thought will be given to the subject of "hydrant rental."

When this town first put in its water system, back about 1926, \$5000 was appropriated every year, under this heading. We believe that this was just and proper. It paid the water department for a service that was rendered, a service which included the lowering of insurance rates of homes near the hydrants, and went far to reducing damages by fire.

This service is a distinct one, and should be recognized as such. We paid \$5000 for less than 100 hydrants. Later the sum increased to \$7500, as the number of hydrants increased in this town.

Today there are, we believe, 228 hydrants in Wilmington, and there is absolutely no provision for hydrant rental. The item has been washed off our books, on the argument that we were taking money out of one pocket, and putting it in another, and at the same time increasing our taxes.

In a slight way, the argument is correct, but actually, in a long sense, we do not increase our taxes one iota. The money which we transfer from one pocket to another shows up next year, if all is well, in the excess and deficiency fund, and goes to reducing the next year's tax burden.

What other advantage is there to neglecting hydrant rental? For one thing, it puts the water department on the spot. They do not get paid for a service rendered, and which costs them money, every year, with the net result that it becomes so much easier for them to "be in the red."

Because the water department is "in the red," those people who wish to restrict water main extensions can argue that "we can't afford it."

We have street lights in this town. They are maintained by a municipal department of the town of Reading, and we are charged for the service, as we should be. It could be argued, in the case of Reading, that they are "taking money from one pocket, and putting it in the other," but such is not the case. They are paying for a service rendered. The Reading municipal light company has to keep electricity flowing through those lights, in order for them to be of service, and, at the same time, of course, some of that electricity is being used in the private homes.

Our water department, similarly, has to pay for the water which flows through the mains, even if some of it goes into private homes. The water which the fire department uses is always well used, but the argument is that no one should pay for it! The hydrants too, have to be maintained.

We feel that a sum of \$10,000 would not be too small for hydrant rental.

OBJECTIVE REPORTING

Objective reporting of the news is not an easy thing to do, as any newspaper man will testify, and we of the Crusader have the usual share of troubles in this respect. Every paper, large and small, that attempts to really cover the events within its bailiwick, has the same difficulty, and each one, of course, meets the problem in the manner that it thinks best.

The Wilmington Crusader restricts itself to an area that is bounded by Woburn and Reading on one side, and the Shawshen River on the other, with a few comments, from time to time, on matters of state-wide interest. As such, it can be seen, we do not have a really wide scope from which to draw material, but we always seem to be able to have what we flatter ourselves in news of interest.

The reaction of the people who have the fortune or misfortune to find their names in the paper is always interesting. If the news is good, the Crusader is a wonderful paper. If the news is to the contrary, then, too, the comments are to the contrary.

There was a discussion about this, in one aspect at least, at a meeting, last week. One man stated that he had had a "number of calls" by people who thought the town was in a serious financial strait, as the result of reading the Crusader. He was joined by another person who stated that he had had "about twenty" comments. A third person flattered us somewhat, by comparing our paper with such national papers as the Boston Herald and the New York Times.

The subject has been bothering us ever since. We have always tried to report objectively. The first individual stated that the stories were correct, throughout, but that the "sense" was not correct.

Since then we have questioned everyone connected with the discussion, with one exception. (he wasn't home). No other person reported being approached, in any way, with

comments on the stories, merely the first two persons, and in that we see a clue. One of these persons was prominent in the stories, and as such was bound to receive comments. (We say this in a kindly manner, we hope). Why the other person should get telephone calls, when no one else, ourself included, is something that we do not profess to be able to answer.

That there is room for improvement in this paper no one doubts, ourselves least of all. At the same time, we believe that the town of Wilmington is getting the news much better than it ever did before, and for that we unashamedly take the credit.

If our paper had a story with a misleading "sense" we are sorry. We still think our stories were correct, but we shall, of course, endeavour to improve, and we hope that such will be the case.

GERRYMANDERING

This week's paper carries a story, from the Woburn Times, which refers to the proposed changes in the Congressional districts in Massachusetts. These changes are proposed by the Republican politicians, now in power, to bolster their congressional representation, in the Congress of the United States.

For some years there has been an impasse, in the Massachusetts Legislature, because the Democrats and Republicans have always been in the position to block each other, in any such move. This is the first year that any such move could have been made, for some time.

At the same time, it is now three years since the United States Census, on which count the Congressional changes are proposed. The districting of Congressional districts, according to law, must be based on the census. Because there is a three year delay, the Republicans are giving the Democrats excellent ammunition, which that party will undoubtedly use in the future, for further changes, when and if they get into power.

Perhaps the Republican politicians know what they are doing, but to our way of thinking they are dangerously flirting with the future. Such acts as are now proposed could very well degenerate into a "gerrymandering" of the state, by each party, at every opportunity, and the Democrats would have an excellent argument, to reply to Republican protests over any such gerrymander that they may propose.

This could very well become a "snowball," and we are not too happy about it.

WOBURN TIMES COMMENTS ON FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The Woburn Daily Times, Monday, carried an article about the proposed changes in the congressional districts, in Massachusetts, which are now a subject of much discussion, in local political circles. A front page story in the Times, it is here given in full.

(From the Woburn Times)
Woburn will be an island or an oasis in the 5th Congressional District (Congressman Edith N. Rogers district, if in the redistricting of Congressional districts now planned goes through. There is no reason for it not going through, as the powers that be are the Senate, House and Governor and all are Republicans, and the plan is to reshuffle the population so that the Democrats will lose two of the Congressional seats and the Republicans will gain two.

The Democrats will bring the action to the courts on the claim there is no need of redistricting as in the 1950 census the Commonwealth neither gained or lost any seats in the national body. In the present set-up, the Massachusetts delegation in Washington consists of eight Republicans and six Democrats. After a shift of population, the Republicans will have ten strongly Republican districts and four Democratic.

The cutting up of Mrs. Rogers' district is an indication of the details worked out by the redistricting commission who will file the report of its recommendations before the deadline on Wednesday.

Winchester, strongly Republican will be taken away from Mrs. Rogers and given to Congressman Angier Goodwin, who won his last fight by only 3,300 votes. Mrs. Rogers will also lose Wilmington and Burlington, both Republican strongholds and will be added to Congressman Goodwin's district which will make the margin safer in that district for a Republican.

Woburn choked off from district continuity from Lowell considered the centrifugal seat of the Fifth District by the loss of Burlington on the west and Wilmington on the north will remain in Mrs. Rogers' district. The city overwhelmingly Democratic gives Mrs. Rogers a substantial majority over her Democratic opponent would readily shift back to a Democrat if removed from the district.

In other words, Woburn will gladly take Mrs. Rogers, but no other Republican. If Woburn was shifted to Con. Goodwin's

district, it would place the area in the very doubtful column. Woburn has no contact with the rest of the district under the plans as Reading is already in Cong. Goodwin's district, and Winchester is the southern extremity to the district is lost leaving Woburn the last community southerly in the 5th district.

The Republican controlled commission has shifted the entire state to eliminate Congressman Boland of Springfield by taking Democratic Chicopee and Ludlow away from him and placing the Communities in Rep. Philbin's Democratic district where they can do no harm. Boland only won by 6,600 votes at the last election, but Chicopee and Ludlow gave him a majority of 14,000. Congressman Donohue of Worcester, Democrat, is due to fall by the redistricting, the commission having taken Wards 3, 4 and 5, strongly Democratic away from him and giving them to Philbin where they can do no harm. In their place Donohue's district will be given the strongly Republican Paxton, Millbury, Sutton, Northbridge, Stow, Maynard and Harvard.

Congressman Rogers has protested the loss of Winchester from her district, but the report will go in as framed. Mrs. Rogers' district was cut up not to endanger her election, but to bolster the thin Republican margin for Goodwin.

WEST SIDE NEWS

Mrs. Edward Sadowski

The West Wilmington Community Club will hold a meeting on Thursday evening at the club house in order to make plans for the annual Christmas and New Year's parties. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

The Happy Jacks have announced that their next three weekly meetings will be held at the home of Mrs. Isabel McKay of Boutwell Street. The first meeting of this series will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd and the hostess in charge will be Mrs. Calista Boudreau; the second meeting on Wednesday, December 9th, with Mrs. Mildred Burns in charge; and the third meeting on Wednesday,

December 16th, the hostess being Mrs. Sara Bustead.

The Wilmington Boys' Fishing Club will meet at the home of Mr. James Burns of Forest Street, on Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M.

On November 22nd Mrs. Etta Knappe, formerly of Springfield and now a resident of the Bousefield Rest Home, observed her 85th birthday. Mrs. Knappe's niece, Mrs. Clayton Nash of Reading, drove her to the home of some close friends in Lynn where a surprise party was held in her honor. Although she is confined to a wheel chair, Mrs. Knappe had a wonderful time and returned home a little tired but happy.

The Forest Street Congregational Church is planning to have its annual Christmas party for the children on Sunday evening, December 20th, at 7 o'clock in the Church basement.

GRAHAM — BLAISDELL NUPTIALS

Miss Pauline L. Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ayers of 14 Percy Street, Dracut, became the bride of Robert E. Blaisdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus V. Blaisdell of 23 Swain Road, Wilmington, at an 11 o'clock ceremony in St. Michael's church, Lowell, on the holiday morning. White chrysanthemums and pompons decorated the altar, and music was provided by Miss Irene M. Lawler, organist, and Miss Bernadette Donahue, soloist.

Given in marriage by her brother, Gerald J. Graham, of Collinsville, the bride wore a gown of white satin with a lace bodice and stand-up collar trimmed with pearls. The bouffant skirt was paneled in lace, and terminated in a long train of lace over taffeta. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a coronation crown of pearls and rhinestones, and she carried a prayer book with white orchids.

Maid of honor was Miss Elizabeth Graham, sister of the bride, and the bridesmaids were Miss Joan Blaisdell, sister of the bridegroom and Mrs. Shirley Henry of Wellesley, sister of the bride. The flower girl was Charlene Graham, niece of the bride.

The maid of honor was attired in a gold iridescent taffeta shepheress styled gown with a fitted bodice and draped overskirt caught with flowers in the back. A picture hat and a bouquet of gold pompons completed the ensemble. The bridesmaids were similarly attired in gowns of green, and the flower girl wore yellow and carried a bouquet of mixed flowers.

Best man was Augustus V. Blaisdell, Jr., brother of the bridegroom, and the ushers were Francis Graham, brother of the bride, and Warren Anderson friend of the bridegroom.

At the reception which followed, the guest book was presented by Mrs. Gertrude Higgins, sister of the bride, and music was provided by an orchestra. The mother of the bride wore an eggshell color dress with black accessories and an orchid, and the mother of the bridegroom wore a steel gray taffeta and lace dress with black accessories and an orchid corsage.

When Mr. and Mrs. Blaisdell left for New York City and Washington, the bride wore a mint green knitted suit with black accessories and a white orchid corsage. After Nov. 30th, they will live at 762 Merrimack Avenue, Dracut.

The bride is a graduate of Dracut schools, and is employed by the Raytheon Manufacturing Company of Waltham. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Wilmington schools and served with the U.S. Army for four years, including 14 months in Korea. He is now a student at the East Coast Air school in Bedford.

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Miss Mary Gibbons, Latin and French teacher in Wilmington High School getting ready for her chest X-ray, in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health X-ray van, Monday, at Wilmington High School. Assisting her is Eddy Dempsey, technician with the Mass. Department of Public Health.

The Wilmington Tuberculosis Committee, sponsoring the X-ray van, has about 2000 X-rays of Wilmington people scheduled in the current drive, which lasts until December 11th. They are hoping to x-ray every person, over 15 years old, in Wilmington, as a part of the drive to stamp out tuberculosis. A full time secretary will take appointments for x-rays, at OLiver 8-4461. The van will be at the American Legion hall from December 7th to 11th, taking x-rays of Wilmington people. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Church Cabinet will meet at the parsonage on Thursday at 8 p.m. All members are asked to be present to discuss a controversial matter of business.

At the service of morning worship next Sunday a baptismal service will be included.

The monthly meeting of the Finance Committee will meet at the home of Warren Willis on Tuesday, December 8th at 2 p.m.

INDUCTED INTO THE ARMY

The following named were inducted into Military Service (Army) through Local Board No. 99, Billerica, on the 23rd of November 1953:

Sabatino V. DeCarolis, 90 Glenwood Road, Tewksbury; Karl C. Woodman, 14 Brentwood Avenue, Wilmington; Roy Resendes, Oak Street, North Billerica; Frederick P.

McKay, Autumn Street, Pinehurst (Billerica); Richard E. Dempsey, Autumn Street, Pinehurst (Billerica).

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Averages		
Bob Gunderson	92.9	
Bud Platt	89.7	
Ken Alley	85.3	
Walt Stevens	84.7	

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir;

May we, the Cub master, assistant cub master, den mothers, and pack Committee of Pack 56 Wilmington Cub Scouts, through the columns of the Crusader, extend our thanks to the many friends of Scouting who so warmly supported our Harvest fair on Nov. 28.

The fair was both a social and financial success and will help in-

sure a free Scouting Program for Wilmington Boys.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Oscar E. Riley
Den Mother - Den 3

TM TALKS AT ROTARY CLUB

Speaker of the day, at the Wilmington Rotary Club luncheon, last Wednesday was the Town Manager, Dean Cushing. Mr. Cushing engaged in a free for all discussion, with members of the club asking questions to which he replied.

In the early part of his talk, Cushing expressed his disappointment that it took an hour to get enough citizens to make a quorum, at the town meeting, Monday night. He pointed out that the vote was to be on the largest public building ever voted in Wilmington, and that the people of Wilmington were not interested enough to attend. "Good government anywhere, can only be had with the active interest of the citizens," said Cushing.

Cushing expressed the opinion that the school might be built for \$800,000, but thought that it might cost closer to \$1,000,000. The cost is something that will be borne in the future, he pointed out, by the citizens of Wilmington, and the industries here, and to come—such industries as National Polychemicals, New England Gas Products Co., Greer, and others. He saw no increase in the 1954 tax rate, as a result of the school.

Speaking of the tax rate, Cushing said that if the town had used the actual receipts of 1952, in figuring the 1953 tax rate, it could have been decreased \$17, and that the present rate of

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen, in the Town Hall, on Dec. 14, 1953, at 9:30 p.m. on the application of the Church Street Hardware Inc., Frank J. Griffen, Manager, 1-3 Church street, Wilmington, for a license for a retail package goods store, to sell all alcoholic beverages at 1-3 Church street, Wilmington, with one main store with adjoining receiving room, also two basements to store case beer, wine and liquor.

Charles H. Black, Chmn.
Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen, in the Town Hall, on Dec. 14, 1953, at 9:45 p.m. on the application of A. Melville Woodside, Druggist, "Wilmington Center Pharmacy Inc.", 432 Main street, Wilmington, for a license for a retail package goods store, to sell all alcoholic beverages at 432 Main street, Wilmington, with two room on the first floor and cellar for storage.

Charles H. Black, chmn
Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen, in the Town Hall, on Dec. 14, 1953, at 9 p.m., on the application of Joseph Mabardy, Manager, McManus Bros. Liquor Store, Inc, 108 Main street, Wilmington, for a license for a retail package goods store, to sell all alcoholic beverages at 108 Main street, Wilmington with one room on the street floor and cellar for the storage of stock.

Charles H. Black, Chmn.
Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen, in the Town Hall, on Dec. 14, 1953, at 9:15 p.m., on the application of William Altman, Manager, "Altman's Inc.", 411 Main street Wilmington, for a license for a retail package goods store, to sell all alcoholic beverages at 411 Main street, Wilmington, with one floor, three rooms and cellar.

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collection was very good. "As of yesterday we were \$4400 ahead of schedule, and we have not yet received over \$20,000 due in reimbursements, or money due on work on Chapter 90 and 81."

Cushing also expressed some opinions about the town dump. He had particular reference to a criticism about using material from the Salem street work for filling the dump, and he made the following points. 1. No one has yet mentioned the fact that the town provided 5000 yards of fill for the Wilmington Rotary Park. 2. The Rotary Park is in reality private property, although it is for the public good. 3. The town dump is public property, and it needs fill. 4. The Massachusetts Department of Public Works is in charge of the work on Salem street, and it is a state project. 5. The fill coming from this work is not suitable anyway, for the Rotary Park. It consists of large stones, which will work their way up through the soil, and have to be removed in a couple of years anyway.

Cushing was asked if it might be possible to use a new type of construction, that someone had read about, for the new high school building. In reply, he assumed that this was the type that is now being used experimentally, in a school building in Squantum, now under construction. This type of construction, he explained is to be tried out with an 18 month trial, before judgement is made, and there is no chance that it will be approved before the new school is started. He reminded the listeners that the J. W. Greer plant had been constructed by pouring concrete walls, in forms on the ground, and then setting them in position with a crane. Another Rotarian, Cliff Good, superintendent of schools, agreed with Mr. Cushing's remarks.

Another question asked of Cushing was "When will the New England Gas get started?" Cushing told his audience that the delay had been caused by a strike in the structural steel industry. An electrolytic tower, planned for this plant had thus been held up, in construction, and probably will not be ready to be installed until next May or June. The company did not want to have money invested in an idle plant, but they were nevertheless very anxious to get going, Cushing said.

Sewage was another ques-

tion that was discussed. Cushing stated that he had been told, informally, that a suitable route to the MDC sewer exists thru North Woburn. It would cost \$800,000 to bring the sewerage main to the Wilmington line, after which the responsibility would be entirely up to the town. In this respect, Cushing stated, one of the companies in South Wilmington had stated that it would give the town the land through which the sewer would be laid, in that section, and this act would save the town about \$8000. He pointed out that it would be to the town's advantage to come thru this route, because the town would immediately be reimbursed in part, through sewage rental to the plants in South Wilmington. Everything, so far, is in a "verbal" stage, he reminded his listeners.

Speaking of the property owned by the Boston & Maine railroad, near Wilmington square, Cushing told the Rotarians that he has told the B&M it would be to their financial advantage to sell this property, and they seemed to be agreeable to the suggestion, with one possible exception, which had to do with line maintenance.

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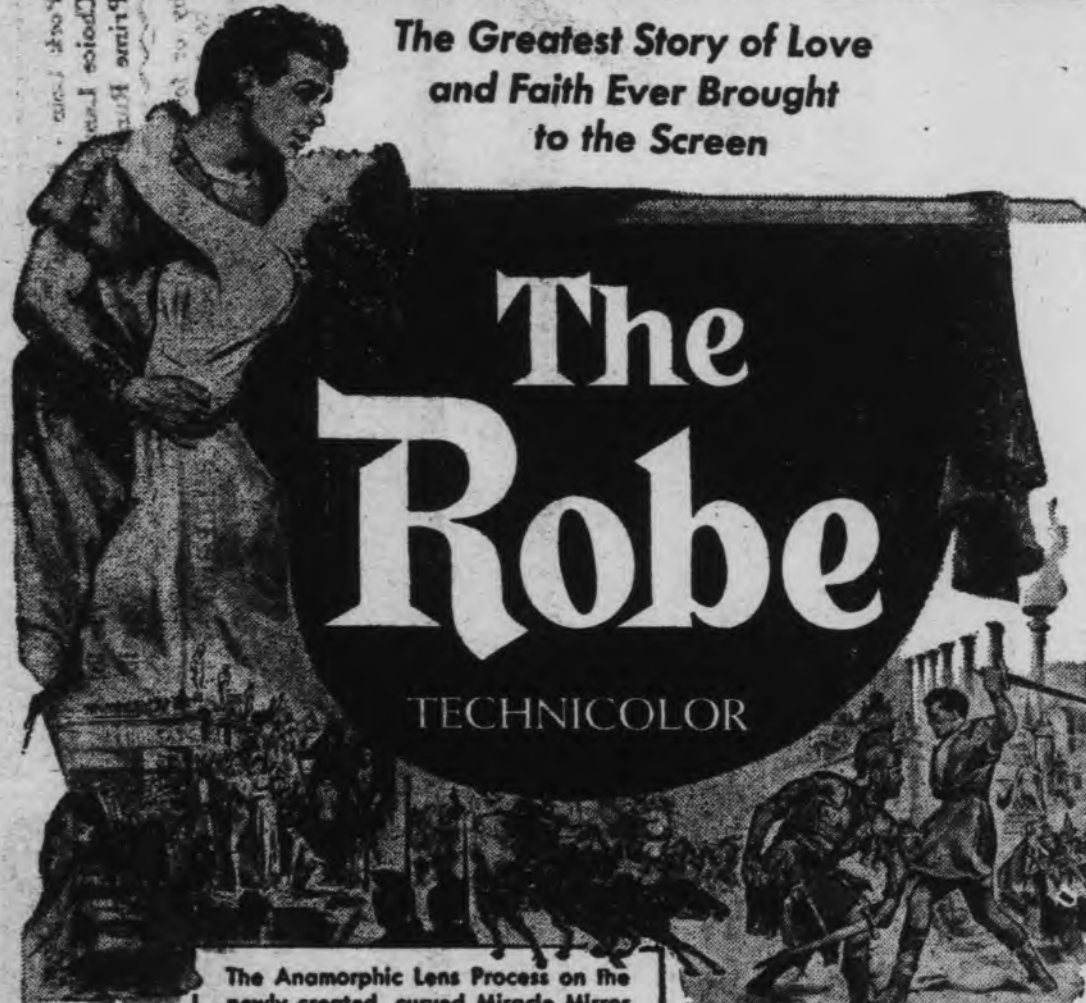
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THE HANDLING OF THE PRESIDENCY

Two of the best minds in Washington, James Reston and Arthur Krock—both on the staff of the New York Times—have devoted thoughtful pieces recently to Eisenhower and his handling of the Presidency. Neither one of these gentlemen is actuated by a desire or need for sensational writing. Their preoccupation with the subject indicates deeper concern than usual. Hence, the average citizen might be inclined to entertain a variety of conclusions regarding the wisdom of the national choice, just one year ago.

One of the chief woes of the President, it seems to us, is that he was over-sold, both by himself and the advertising agencies. He

was no messiah to begin with, and many people were aware of it. But that did not mean that he would not become a very good President. The electorate, by and large, felt that he could bring to the office a name and a spirit quite different from the past two decades.

That, we believe, he has done. His weakness seems to lie in the complexities of politics. His irresolution and indecision are shattering the illusion held up to himself and the public. It will take only a little more of this to sweep the Republicans right out of office. This is a fact, not merely an opinion. It is based on the rules which govern political life.

The issue which shows the most striking contrast between campaign promises and actual performance is low.

Washington (IES) - All the gripes about the Administration will break into a tidal wave when Congress convenes in January.

Washington (IES) - Spivak's "Meet the Press" is still the top political interest program on the air. All competitors fade and die. The line forms on the right to get on.

Washington (IES) - The reports that the President is reluctant to run in 1956 has started the rabble shouting for Dewey on the one hand, and for Nixon on the other. Sound opinion is that if Ike withdraws, no Republican can beat Stevenson—if he got the Democratic nomination, which is by no means certain.

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Miss Geraldine Swap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Swap, of Lowell, and Kenneth Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Stanley, Salem Road, Wilmington, were united in marriage, Thanksgiving afternoon, at 4:00 p.m., at the South Tewksbury Methodist Church, Rev. Jack M. Tuell officiating. The altar flowers consisted of an arrangement of snap-dragons and carnations.

Mrs. Alexander Mallinson played wedding selections on the organ, and Mrs. Ralph Peters sang "O Promise Me", and "I Love You Truly" before the ceremony, and "The Lord's Prayer" at the close. Miss Swap chose a suit of pink

flannel and nubby tweed, with white accessories, and she wore a gardenia corsage. Maid of honor and sole attendant for the bride, was Miss Anne Babcock, of Billerica, who wore a navy suit, accented by white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Best man for Mr. Stanley, was Allen Cox, of Lowell, and serving as ushers were the groom's brother, Carl Stanley, of South Tewksbury, and John Kelley, of Lowell.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Laurence Swap, wore a beige suit, with a brown hat, and mink fur piece, while the groom's mother, wore a two piece purple dress, with white accessories.

The reception was held in the church vestry, which was decorated with white bells and streamers, with the center of attention being the lovely wedding cake, a gift of the groom. Miss Edna Swap, sister of the bride, presented the guest book.

The bride and groom left for a wedding trip to New Hampshire. They are planning to spend time in both Harrisville, and Exeter.

The bride was educated at Howe High School, Billerica, and the groom graduated from Wilmington High School, and is a member of B-Battery, 211 Field Artillery, Lowell National Guard, and is employed as a cook's helper in the Veteran's Administration Hospital, in Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley will be living at 89 Quebec Street, Lowell, after December 6th.

Thanksgiving Day was the occasion for many gatherings of families and friends. Some of those spending the day out of town were, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters, and family; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Griffin; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Palmer, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ray. Among those entertaining family and friends were Mrs. Hilda Renfrew, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Snook, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tuell.

South Tewksbury Methodist Church is holding a Loyalty Dinner, Thursday evening, December 3rd, at the South Tewksbury Betterment Hall. At the dinner, plans will be announced for the forthcoming

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building program of the church. Various leaders of the church will present different phases of the building and canvass plans. The building fund goal has been set at \$35,000. Hostesses for the dinner will be Mrs. Ralph Peters, chairman, Mrs. Thomas Ray, Mrs. G. M. Palmer, Mrs. Clifford Greeno, Mrs. George O'Connell, Mrs. Robert C. Renfrew, Mrs. Lauchie McPhail, Mrs. Elmer Johnson, Mrs. Walter Ackles, Mrs. Edgar Hinton, Sr., Mrs. Herbert Pickering, Mrs. William Howell, and Mrs. Roland Strong.

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NATIONAL INCOME

National income in the United States in 1952 was estimated at \$290.5 billion, an increase of 4.6 per cent over the \$277.6 billion recorded in 1951. Personal income amounted to \$268.5 billion, which was 5.7 per cent higher than in 1951. The American Peoples Encyclopedia 1953 Yearbook reports that wholesale prices rose by only 2 per cent, which meant that there was an increase in national and personal income in real terms as well as dollar value.

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NORTH WOBURN YOUTH
BREAKS LEG IN CRASH
Nicholas Pappas, 17, of 31 Webster Court, North Woburn suffered a broken leg, and narrowly escaped death, Thanksgiving evening, when the car he was operating skidded on the highway, on Main street, near Cook avenue. The car in which Pappas was driving plunged over an embankment, and turned over, in

a wooded section, turning over and collapsing the roof.
Pappas had been driving a 1951 Mercury, north, in the heavy rains when the car went off the road. Passers-by saw the upturned car, with steam escaping, and called the Woburn and Wilmington police, reporting a fire. Ambulances from both departments rushed to the rescue. The Wilmington ambulance, with Deputy Chief Francis S. Hoban, and Officer Fred Chisholm took the youth to the Choate Memorial hospital, where he was treated by Dr. James A. Devine. X-Rays revealed a bad break above the knee on the left leg, and a fracture of the left ankle.

VFW AUXILIARY TURKEY WHIST NEXT MONDAY

The ladies of the VFW Auxiliary will have a turkey whist party, in the VFW hall, on Main street, next Monday, December 7th. Proceeds of the whist will go to families of needy veterans. Refreshments are to be provided, and the public is invited.

Chairman of the party is Mrs. Josephine Vadaikes, assisted by president Rose Gatta. Others on the committee are Beatrice McCormack, and Marguerite Baker.

CONGREGATIONAL COUPLES CLUB HEARS CONVERSATION SPEAKER

John Appleget, of the United States Department of Conservation a new resident of Wilmington, living on Hillside Way, was the speaker last Sunday evening, at the meeting of the Couples Club, of the Congregational church, in the church vestry.

Mr. Appleget, who is connected with the Fish and Wild Life survey, spoke on the various game preserves in the United States, including the Plum Island reserve. His talk was illustrated with a colored film of the various preserves.

FIREMEN'S WHIST DECEMBER 15TH

The annual Christmas Whist party of the Wilmington Firemen's Association is to be held on Tuesday Dec. 15th, in the Wilmington High school cafeteria. Turkeys are to be included in the list of prizes. The committee in charge includes George S. Cushing, Frederick Kleynan, James H. McCue, Joseph Medico, John J. Hardy, Kenneth E. Marshall and Charles E. Ellis Jr.

EAST-TO-SOUTH STEEL FREIGHT RATES LOWERED

New York - Reduced railroad freight rates on iron and steel products from all points in Eastern territory to all points in Southern territory went into effect Saturday (November 14).

Edgar V. Hill, chairman of the Traffic Executive Association - Eastern Railroads, said that the Interstate Commerce Commission has agreed to a petition to advance the effective date of the lower rates from November 21 to November 14.

He said the Eastern carriers had asked the Commission to advance the effective date to put shippers in Eastern territory on an equal competitive basis with those in Southern territory. The new Eastern tariffs were filed on October 21, and reduced rates in Southern territory went into effect, with ICC sanction, on November 5.

"Although ICC procedures normally required 30 days notice before new rates become effective," Hill said, "it is quite customary in cases of this nature to reduce this notice-time. We have asked the Commission to do this, and they have agreed."

He said that the new rates will effect substantial savings for the shippers. For instance, under the old rates, an 80,000-pound carload shipment of iron or steel from Cleveland, Ohio to Charlotte, N.C. would cost the shipper \$883.20 in freight charges, excluding tax. Under the new tariffs, the freight on the same shipment will be \$608, excluding tax, a saving of \$275.30.

On a smaller shipment, a 40,000-pound carload of iron or steel products between the same two points would cost the shipper \$441.60 under the former rate schedule but only \$336 under the new tariffs.

NEW GRANITE CHIPS FOR STATE HIGHWAYS

Governor Christian A. Herter and State Public Works commissioner John A. Volpe announced that henceforth a new "granite chip" substance will be applied to the concrete to delineate shoulders on State Highways.

In making the announcement, Commissioner Volpe said that experiments conducted by his Department have indicated that the use of granite chips contribute greatly to safe driving at night. The basic feature of the treatment, first used on Route 9 in Shrewsbury, involves the use of a layer of light granite pea stone which has a natural reflectorizing quality. Commissioner Volpe said, that in addition to having a very great safety feature, the method will result in substantial saving because it obviates the need for outside white lines to designate parking lanes or pull-off sections. Massachusetts is extremely fortunate in that its numerous granite quarries can provide an almost limitless quantity of scrap granite at a very low price for all of the State's major highways.

In concluding his announcement, Commissioner Volpe said that this type of shoulder will be specified in all future road building contracts let by the Department of Public Works.

SEA DUTIES OF CONTINENTAL MARINES

Marines performed a great variety of ordinary duties on board ships during the American Revolution. They were expected to impart a high military character to the crews of the ships. As is still the custom, they furnished guard and sentinels and, at all times, sustained and protected the stern and necessary discipline of a ship by their organization, distinctive character and training.

Mutinies were not infrequent among the unreliable crews of the period, and the Marines were the force behind the captain in dealing with them. Marines were not required to go aloft; distinct provision was made that duties in connection with the sailing of the ship were entirely voluntary on their part. As is still the custom, the captain's orderly was usually a Marine.

A particular duty of the Marine sentries on the quarterdeck was to guard the arms chest. When the crew was called to quarters the Marines habitually mustered on the quarterdeck where, in case of emergency, they were armed from the near-by chest.

When a prize was captured, it was the usual custom for some of the Marines to go as part of the prize crew. Men having special qualifications were at times used for practically any administrative duty on board ships.

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CLIFFORD A. SOMERVILLE WILL HEAD NEW COMMITTEE

BOSTON—Clifford A. Somerville, general representative, Boston & Maine Railroad, will head a new Railroad Community Committee of Greater Boston an arm of the Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference which is an organization of 36 major Eastern railroads.

Purpose of the committee, according to Mr. Somerville, is to increase railroaders' interest in community affairs. In turn, he said, the committee hopes to increase the interest of people in Boston and its surrounding communities in railroads—their prospects, problems and the industry's over-all state of health.

According to Mr. Somerville, announcement of the committee's membership will follow a dinner here tonight for 23 railroaders who have just completed a course in community relations at Boston University. The course was sponsored by the Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference.

Committee activities, the new committee chairman said, will supplement participation in community affairs by individual railroads serving the metropolitan Boston area.

NEW YORK MARGARINE

The sale of yellow margarine was approved last year in New York State, ending a battle which had raged for 69 years between margarine advocates and the state's farm-bloc, it is reported in the American Peoples Encyclopedia 1953 Yearbook.

NEBRASKA OIL

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OLD AGE NEWS

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A newly enacted amendment to the social security law extends the period of military service coverage to July 1, 1955. Persons in service will get \$160 a month social security wage credits for each month of active duty until that date. Under the previous law, social security military wage credits did not apply to months of active service after December 31, 1953.

Miss Ethel Eliopoulos, Manager of the local Social Security office pointed out that this amendment to the Social Security Act is of particular value to those who will not complete their period of active military service this year, and to those newly entering military service. It will be of advantage also to some career service persons who completed their 30 years of service during the World War II period and who are still on active duty. They will continue to get \$160 a month social security wage credits until mid-1955.

Another provision of the amended law, Miss Eliopoulos said, extends the time for filing application for lump-sum death payments. This is of interest to survivors of service persons who die outside the United States after December 1953 and whose remains are returned to any

of the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands for burial or reburial. Under the amended law, lump-sum payments may be made in case death occurred in active service abroad before July 1955 provided application for the payment is made within two years of the date of burial or reburial.

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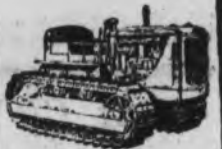
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Before the attractively decorated altar of St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Miss Jean Elizabeth Latterner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Latterner of Charleston, West Virginia, became the bride of Sgt. Leslie E. McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus C. McLaughlin of 294 Burlington Avenue. Rev. Albert Shea officiated at the ceremony on November 24th at 4:30 o'clock. Traditional wedding music was offered by the organist, Mrs. Edward Shelley.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a lovely white brocade dress with matching fur trimmed jacket. She wore a white hat with blending accessories and carried a white lace covered missal topped with an orchid and stephanotis.

Maid of honor was Miss Joan Latterner (a Lt. in the Air Force) sister of the bride, wearing a beige knit suit with brown accessories. She carried an old fashioned bouquet. Serving as best man was Augustus C. McLaughlin, Jr., brother of the bridegroom.

Immediately following the wedding, the reception was held at the West Wilmington Community Club.

The hall was attractively decorated with white streamers and flowers. Music was furnished for dancing. The mother of the bride wore a grey suit with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations and the mother of the bridegroom also wore a grey suit with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

Later in the evening, the newlyweds left for their honeymoon motoring throughout New England.

On December 1st, the new Mrs. McLaughlin must report back to duty with the U.S. Air Force at Ft. Myer, Virginia while Sgt. McLaughlin returns to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Sgt. McLaughlin has served over five years in the U.S. Army and plans to make it his career.

THE GOVERNOR'S DAY
by Helen Hall Mahoney

A few more human interest anecdotes from your Governor's office.

Twelve-year-old Catherine Szebeck of Springfield, "Young Homemaker of the Year" visited Governor Herter recently. A cute youngster, she wore the traditional white socks and brown loafers and was quite shy about having her picture taken although she disclosed that it

was "terribly exciting." She had just returned from New York where she was interviewed on Mary McBride's program.

Linda Cohen, 12, and Carol Anne, 9, came up to the office the other day to see their father Samuel H. Cohen, sworn in as assistant attorney General. They shook hands with the Governor and, making the most of her opportunity, Carol Anne asked for his autograph. On the way out, asked what she thought of her daddy's appointment, she paused a moment to hand the precious autographed paper to her mother with the admonition, "Here, hold this, please—but don't dirty it!" then, turning her attention to me, she said, sedately, "We are proud of my father."

Not long ago, the S1 car rolled into a moredu station and out stepped a very tall gentleman in a business suit. He carried a suitcase, and entered the rest room.

A few minutes later the same gentleman appeared, this time in full evening dress, stepped into the car and drove away. Just one of the stunts a governor has to perform when a tight schedule requires a "business dress" "formal," and "informal" dinner, all in the same evening.

On a recent visit to the Watertown Arsenal (in connection with the Arsenal Com-

bined Charities exercises), Mrs. Herter was especially interested in the anti-aircraft gun section. She looked through the periscope and had the fascinating experience of detecting a sea gull over four miles away.

The State's First Lady is still sporting the beautiful orchid heard her Governor husband which was presented to her at the Crosscup-Pishon Post (A.L.) Luncheon. She glowed when she introduced by Colonel Paul Hines, toastmaster, as the famous son of a distinguished father, who, himself, is the famous father of a distinguished son.

Councillor David Williams of Concord provided a bit of diversion in Council meeting last week. In commenting on nominations of trustees for the Walter E. Fernald State School, he commended the nomination of Dr. Paul R. Withington of Milton, remarking, "When I was a youngster, I got a gash on my chin, practically from ear to ear, (he illustrated, with a throat slashing motion) and Dr. Withington fixed it up, without even a scar to show for it!" Dr. Withington did a good deed. It certainly would have been a shame if scars had marred the good-looking Williams physiognomy.

There was much fun at the New England Governor's Lobster Contest at the Statler Kitchen last week, but to try and give a good human interest picture of it is frustrating because there was so much serious-faced kidding and my knowledge of lobsterlore was so meagre that a "true or false" test would

have left me limp. Each governor bragged outrageously, making extravagant claims for his lobsters. The "piece de resistance" of the contest was Connecticut's exhibit, a 21-pound lobster whose age so-called lobster experts estimated at about 60 years.

I saw Governor Cross of Maine start to grab a live lobster (for photographing) and heard Governor Herter warn: "Hey, don't pick it up that way—you'll get your fingers pinched!" Governor Cross changed his technique and there were no casualties.

INVASION ROLE

Robert D. Murphy, America's first postwar ambassador to Japan, first gained national prominence as the man who gathered vital information and who laid the political groundwork which led to the successful Allied invasion of North Africa during World War II, the 1953 Yearbook of the American Peoples Encyclopedia reports.

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A comparative newcomer to the loot business, Walter Frazer's "The Big Payoff," is in its second network year... and it has awarded contestants \$2,000,000 in prizes, including 75 mink coats, a mountain of gowns, suits, accessories, perfumes and other luxury items.

In addition, 75 trips—to match the mink coats, no doubt—have been awarded to Europe, Africa, Hawaii and almost any other place you could mention except behind the Iron Curtain. Host Randy Merriman and Hostess Bess Myerson are planning a tremendous surprise for the couple who are lucky enough to win the 100th Big Payoff, at some time in the near future. As we said, there seems to be real gold in them thar quiz shows.

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MARRIAGE**

Rev. Stanley J. Cummings performed the marriage ceremony at the Congregational Church on November 15th at 4 o'clock when Miss Margaret Landry, daughter of Mrs. and the late Henry Landry of Billerica, became the bride of Mr. Christopher Albert Bousefield, son of Mrs., and the late, Christopher

Bousefield of Aldrich Road.

The bride was attractively attired in a light blue dress with matching accessories and wearing a lovely orchid corsage, given to her by the bridegroom.

Maid of Honor for her close friend was Miss Jessie Frobefe wearing a navy blue suit with matching accessories and a corsage of mixed flowers.

Serving as Best Man was Mr. Henry Landry, brother of the bride. The new Mrs. Bousefield is a graduate of Billerica High School and is presently employed in Boston.

Mr. Bousefield was educated in the Wilmington schools and has served two years with the U. S. Army.

The young couple are now residing in Woburn.

V.A. NOTES

Massachusetts veterans who went into service some time after April 25, 1951, were reminded by the Veterans Administration this week that they have only 120 days after their discharge in which to apply for their Government insurance.

Manager William J. Blake of VA's Boston Regional Office pointed out that VA offers these veterans the most inexpensive insurance protection in a non-participating, nonconvertible policy. Veterans who act within the 120-day period, he said, can be granted up to \$10,000 worth of insurance, which would cost a 25-year-old veteran as little as \$2.60 per month.

Veterans since Korea who have service-connected disabili-

ties have up to one year from the time they were rated disabled by the VA to apply for insurance. These veterans were cautioned that a formal application for a different type of insurance must be made within that year, even though they may already hold five-year term insurance granted them without medical examination within 120 days of their discharge from active duty.

Blake said these disabled veterans can be granted a five-year term insurance plan that can be converted to a permanent plan at any time.

This type of insurance is particularly suitable for disabled veterans attending school on a limited income, Blake said. The veteran-student can carry inex-

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MORAL PROTECTION

A new law in Portugal prohibits youths from witnessing spectacles considered morally harmful, the American Peoples Encyclopedia 1953 Yearbook reports.

LATIN REVIVAL

To encourage the revival of Latin as a living language, the Vatican announced it would sponsor a new quarterly magazine—*Latinitas*, the 1953 Yearbook of the American Peoples Encyclopedia reports. A possibility was seen that Latin might also be favored by the Vatican as the international language.

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To all persons interested in the estate of **Aldice G. Eames** late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

The administrator of said estate has presented to said Court his second account for allowance and a petition for distribution of the balance in his hands. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-first day of December 1953, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

John J. Butler, Register.
D-2-9-16

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PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the estate of **Caleb S. Harriman** late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at public auction certain real estate of said deceased.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eighteenth day of December 1953, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I wish to express my appreciation to all who have had a part in sending the Wil. Crusader to the boys here in Korea. It keeps the boys informed on all the new projects which are taking place in the good old home town. We really look forward to getting the paper. They generally arrive on a Friday night and when we come back from night chow we read the papers and write letters. It has been a consolation to know that the townsfolk have been thinking of the boys in the various branches of the service. The weather here is below freezing, our main job is establishing a new main line of resistance in case this Korean conflict breaks out again.

I hope and pray to the Good Lord that all conflict between na-

tions stops. Keep up the good work. Again I wish to express my thanks to all.

Gratefully yours,
Pvt. Robert P. Sheehan
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

I would like to thank you and the members of the American Legion for sending me your paper, the Wilmington Crusader. Through this kindness extended by you my thoughts of the people of Mass. have been greatly altered.

Not being a native of your city or state, I thought you all a little aloof of a newcomer but

since living there and building a home there and meeting and knowing the few people I do outside of my wife's relations I now admit that Wilmington and its people are a lot more considerate and kind than the others I've known in other parts of your state.

I've had but one occasion to visit your Legion home and that was years ago with Joseph T. McMahon, but when I get back to America in '56 I'd like, if possible to join your Post and be one of your members.

Thank you again for the "Crusader" and I hope to meet you in '56.

Yours,
Joseph T. Botos

CELEBRATES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

A surprise party, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Delaronde, Federal street, November 22, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Delaronde were married at Mt. Stuart, Prince Edward Island, on November 24, 1903. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Atkins of Prince Edward Island, and Mr. Delaronde was born in St. Andrews, Quebec, in 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Delaronde. Mr. Delaronde had been living in the United States before his marriage, and after the marriage the couple settled in Dorchester. They lived later in East Boston, and moved to Wilmington, to the Federal Gardens, 34 years ago. The couple had three children, one of whom Mrs. Leona M. Daley, died three years ago. The other two are Stanley A. Delaronde, of Mystic avenue, and Thomas P. Delaronde of Rome, New York.

The surprise party, in honor of their fiftieth anniversary was attended by over 50 guests and relatives. Father John Regan, of St. Thomas church was among the well-wishers to attend, and others present included Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Delaronde, John Haley, of Wilmington, Mrs. Francis Ferullo, Marie Haley, and Danny Ferullo. Guests were present from Newton, Tewksbury, Stoneham, Woburn and Newport, Rhode Island.

The couple were given a fine 17 inch television set, and a purse of money. Both are well known residents of this town.

ELECTED SECRETARY OF FRATERNITY

AMHERST, Nov. 24 — Kappa Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at the University of Massachusetts has announced the election of E. Alfred Swenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Swenson, 19 Adams street, Wilmington, as alumni secretary.

Mr. Swenson is a senior at the university.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity open to students who have had previous experience in the Boy Scouts of America.

WILMINGTON REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES STAY AT HIGH PEAK

Wilmington's real estate activities during the month of October continued at a high peak, according to the monthly survey released by the Suffolk First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Boston. It is again listed in the 37 towns of suburban Boston, towns of less than 10,000 population, in which real estate activities continues high.

Highest in the list is Hull, with a ratio of 14.11 deeds per thousand population, for the month of October. Other towns in order are Holbrook, 10.49; Norwell, 10.19; Sharon, 10.14; Topsfield, 8.50; Wayland, 8.18; Concord, 7.95; Lynnfield, 7.90; Wilmington, 7.70 and North Reading 6.56. Median (average) for the 37 towns was 5.43.

Other nearby towns showed a high average, with Billerica leading the list for towns of over 10,000. Billerica's ratio was 6.58. Other towns in this list were Needham 5.90, Randolph 5.60, Weymouth 5.20, Lexington 5.03, Stoughton, 5.02, Hingham 4.86, Saugus 4.72, Dedham 4.38 and Marblehead 4.38. Median of the 48 larger communities was 2.38.

Wilmington has had a total of 427 real estate transactions to date, for the first 10 months of 1953, compared to 390 for the same period in 1952. Other towns with similar comparisons, in which real estate activity is over that of a year ago are Concord 321 deeds compared to 249 of a

year ago, and North Reading 213 deeds compared to 196. Lexington, a town high up on the list, is statistically on a par with last year, there being 673 deeds so far this year, in the first ten months, and 676 deeds in the same period last year. Other towns show a decrease, among them being Woburn, 458 compared to 502 of a year ago, Winchester 368 compared to 422, Reading 326 compared to 392, and Bedford 218 compared to 231.

In the first 10 months of 1953 there were 158 building permits for dwellings issued in Wilmington. In the same period last year there were 128.

PACK 58 HAS A HARVEST FAIR

There were about 60 youngsters in the junior High School gymnasium last Saturday evening, taking part in the Harvest Fair of Pack 58, Wilmington Cub Scouts.

Awards were made to the Cubs, during the fair, by Assistant Cub Master Eddy Elliot. The Webelos badge, highest in Cub Scouting, was awarded to Eddie Curtis, Clyde McKaba and David Deming.

To Fred Kleynan and Stephen Hansen went the Bear award, second highest, and to Alden Horton the Wolf award, while Donald Norton, John Amato, James Corum, Ernest Pearlstein, David Gilvert, Richard Carlson, Chester Hooper, Robert Weatherbee, Joseph Sammons, Donald Sammons, Gary Jackman, George Shew, Mike Shaw, Kenneth Walsh and Meven McKelvey were awarded the Bobcat badges.

Gold Arrows went to Alan Ford, William Burns and Charles Dolan, and Silver Arrows to Fred Kleynan (2), Charles Dolan (2) and Robert Peters.

A three year service star was awarded to David Deming, a two year star to Dixon Knight, and a one year star to Mike Weinberg, Alan Ford, Bob Curtis, Daniel Gouvea, Ronny Knight, Stephen Ridley and William Burns.

METHODIST CHURCH FAIR STARTS TODAY

At 2:30 this afternoon, the Wilmington Methodist church annual church fair is to be opened, and will last through tomorrow evening. The Rev. Richard Harding will be present, to open the fair. A Turkey Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., by the ladies of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Supper chairman is Mrs. Malcolm Butler, and chairman of the dining room is Mrs. Lavinia Sutton.

Tomorrow the fair will be resumed at 2:30 p.m., and a meat loaf supper is to be served by the Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for tomorrow's supper may be had by calling Irving Belbin. At 8 p.m. there will be an entertainment, by the Methodist Men's Club. Wilbur Stavely is in charge of the entertainment.

BOY SCOUT DISTRICT MEETING HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Boy Scout Leaders of District Three, Lowell Council, Boy Scouts of America will meet in Wilmington High School, next Wednesday evening. Troop Committeemen, Troop leaders, and all Institutional Representatives from Wilmington, Tewksbury, Billerica and South Lowell will be present.

SCOUT LEADERS MEETING ON DEC. 11TH

Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders will meet a week from Friday, to discuss what has been described as "The most important business of the year", according to an announcement by Scout Commissioner Foster Balsar. All adults connected with Scouting, in any way, are asked to attend. The meeting place will be announced later.

TURKEY WHIST

Tuesday Evening - Nov. 24

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ST. THOMAS WHIST HAD PLENTY OF PRIZES

St. Thomas church's whist party, on November 24th saw 93 different prizes awarded, to a capacity crowd, at the parish house, on Middlesex avenue, Turkeys, full dinners, chickens, and a number of other awards were made.

Mrs. Marguerite Baker had the highest score, and was awarded first prize, and among other prize winners were Mrs. George Beal, Mrs. George Garrow, Eddie Erhard, Mrs. Adeline Cochran, Mrs. Edith Cheifitz, Mrs. E. Crowell, Mrs. Helen Flynn, Mrs. Carmen Sadler, Mrs. Mary Fuller, Blanch Collins, Eleanor Grimes, Edward MacLean, Adeline Riley, Mildred Gustus, John Browne, Edith Traill, Elsie Cuoco, Rita Filipone, Helen Cavanaugh, Eva Elfman, Mrs. St. Hilaire, Mrs. William Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Doherty, Mrs. Mabel Polcaro, Adeline Daley, Mrs. Pearl Duggan, Mrs. James Rothell, Lorelie Pellerin, Mrs. Lena Cavanaugh, William Babine, Mary L. Gormley, Eleanor Wren Gilbert Butt and Mr. Gillis.

Co-Chairmen of the party were the Rev. Father John Regan and Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, and other members on the committee were Lena Twomey, Edith Traill, Mary Hartnett, Helen Babine, Ann Barry, Dorothy Hollien, Mary White, Marguerite Harper, Louise De Felice, Kay Downing, Marie Harrington, Helen Lee, Adeline Daley, Joseph M. Grimes, Ernest Crispo and James Castine. The committee has extended its thanks to everyone who helped to make the party a success.

FIVE NEW ROTARIANS

The Rotary Club of Wilmington had a gala day, last Wednesday, as five, Wilmington business men were inducted into the club. Inducted were John C. Cafiso, of the Silver Lake Hardware, Raymond Fitch, Fitch Electric company, Albert Malone, real estate dealer, Ernest Rice, Wilmington building inspector, and James P. Kelley, Mass Service (Refrigeration).

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TOWN NOTES

RAIN

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on the 25th, a trace on the 27th and .03 on the 28th, for a total of 4.20 inches.

All the brooks, rivers, lakes and ponds are now filled, but not quite to flood stage.

BLOOPER

Last week we had a story about "Wilmington in the Mediterranean" and somehow we misnamed one of the individuals. We called Dr. Lorrie Shepard Dr. Lorrie Black. One of those quirks of thinking, is the only way we can explain it. Dr. Shepard is a distinguished surgeon, who has spent a lifetime in Turkey, and is now in charge of a hospital in Istanbul. Several members of his family are living on Lake street, here in Wilmington.

FM RADIO

We like to listen to the FM radio stations, which, in our estimation provide better programs than do the regular AM stations. One of our favorites is WGBH, which is connected with the Lowell Institute. We have been wondering if we are alone in our like of this station. Does anyone else listen to it?

NEW TRUCK

We always enjoy seeing one of our

local business men show signs of getting ahead, and at the moment the best evidence is in the new truck of M. J. "Pete" Pellerin, of Burlington avenue. We think it looks real nice.

THE SIGNS ARE UP

We have noticed during the last week that there were signs on the estate of the late Caleb Harriman, advising that it is for sale.

The estate dates back to before the days when there was a Wilmington, the original house (part of which is in the present building) being built by an Irish emigrant, Cadwallader Ford, in 1720. 138 acres of his holdings are still in the estate, which is possibly the largest in Wilmington.

When Cadwallader Ford built his home there, that section of the country was known as "The Land of Nod", possibly because it was beyond the influence of any established church. There is many a tale to be told about that particular name, and someday we hope to get them down in black and white, for our readers.

CHRISTMAS TREE

We suspect that the Christmas tree, on the common, will be lit again this year, and we hope that our suspicions are correct. Somebody, last year, helped himself to some of the bulbs, which was, in our estimation, a real demonstration of the community spirit, which we hope doesn't happen again.

The Wilmington Grange used to have a community Christmas tree, like that, but they had to stop. Too many bulbs disappeared.

BABY BOOK

McLaughlin's Drug store has started a Baby Book, which we examined the other day. It included quite a few names, all listed in October, so we took the privilege of

copying it, and we have a couple of nice stories, for our trouble.

Listed were Kathleen Ingalls, 168 Chestnut street, Oct. 10th, Maureen Given, Mystic ave. Oct. 1st, Ida Helen Leathers, 17 Swain road, Nov. 10th, Paul Fraser, 46 Columbia st., Oct. 29th, Robert Leroy Hallman and William Richard Hallman, twins, 63 Lake street, Nov. 7th, Thomas Frances Beaton, 12 Wildwood street, Oct. 30th, Patricia Colleen Kelly, 2 Essex Street, Oct. 14th, Mark Stiver Peters and Richard John Peters (Twins), 5 Grant street, Oct. 23rd, Pamela Okolo, 116 Federal street, Oct. 24th, James Edward Irwin, 17 Glendale circle, Oct. 5th, Jean Francis Higgins, 361 Middlesex avenue, Nov. 17th and Joyce Diane Mercier, 47 Andover street, Nov. 20th.

One of the stories, of course, is that two sets of twins were born in October about which someone should warn our superintendent of schools.

The other story is about Ida Leathers, which we had in this column last week.

SLBA CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY NIGHT

Next Monday evening, at the Silver Lake Betterment Hall, on Main street, the Silver Lake Betterment Association will hold its annual Christmas party, for adults. All members have been asked to bring a twenty-five cent gift, for exchange.

During the regular meeting, which will precede the Christmas party, the association will complete its plans for the Children's Christmas party, which is planned for Sunday December 20th.

Mrs. Paul Lynch and Mrs. Louise Nolan will be the co-chairmen of the SLBA Christmas party.

DAV AUXILIARY NEWS

The DAV AUXILIARY will meet Thursday Dec. 10th, in the DAV hall on Grove avenue, for a regular meeting.

The annual DAV auxiliary Christmas party is to be held on Dec. 12th in the hall on Grove avenue. Members are asked to bring a fifty cent gift for exchange.

GIRL SCOUT LEADERS CHRISTMAS DINNER DEC. 8TH

All Girl Scout Leaders of Wilmington have been invited to be present at the annual Girl Scout Leaders Christmas Dinner, to be held in the headquarters building in Lowell, on Dec. 8th at 6:30 p.m.

READING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HAS FINE START

The Reading Symphony Orchestra started its 1953-54 season on November 24th with a concert that pleased the audience, many of whom were from Wilmington. The concert began with the Organ and Trocata fugue in D minor, by Johann Sebastian Bach, transcribed for full orchestra by Leopold Stokowski. Critics in the audience were very pleased at the manner in which the symphony orchestra handled this sublime and difficult music.

Adagio for Strings (Opus 11), by Samuel Barber, was the second piece to be played by the orchestra, and the first half of the program ended with a ballet suite by Gretry, arranged by Felix Motte.

Miss Catherine Carver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Carver, Middlesex avenue, began the second half of the program, playing Saint-Saens G. minor piano concerto. An excellent musician, Miss

Carver displayed a masterful control of the piano, with a sparkling and melodious rhythm, and a lovely legato in the quieter passages. Saint-Saens has been acknowledged as the "French Beethoven", and Miss Carver's playing was crisp and clean. She was accompanied by the orchestra, which did a masterful job in the tricky and difficult passages.

The concert ended with a polka and fugue, Schwanda the Bagpiper, by Jaromir Weinberger.

The next concert by the Reading Symphony Orchestra will be held Tuesday February 16th, with Eunice Alberts, Mezzo-Soprano as featured soloist.



CAROL COSTELLO LIKES THE WAF

Carol Costello, daughter of Carl and Marie Costello, likes the Women's Air Force. Home last week for the Thanksgiving holidays, Carol looked wonderful, and presented a very fine appearance.

Carol is stationed at the Keesler Air Force Base, in Mississippi, as a student. Her quarters, she reports, are very close to one of the runways, where she can watch the planes taking off and landing. In connection with this, the girls in her quarters had a semi-disastrous accident, a few weeks ago, when a plane, coming in for a landing, was forced to circle the runway several times. The quarters had just been policed, and were spic and span, but the maelstrom created by the plane circling around blew a lot of dust into the girls barracks, so that they had the task of cleaning up all over again.

The girls are divided into three groups, so that the full day may be utilized in studies. One group studies from 4 a.m. to noon, a second group from noon to 8 p.m. and the third group from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Carol is in the first group, and her day lasts from 4 a.m. to noon. After that she is free to do as she pleases, with the exception of regular duties that appear in any military organization. Taps is at 10:30 p.m.

Carol likes it very much. Currently home on a 7 day leave, she expects to be home again for 15 days for Christmas.

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can do about it unless he can get the law changed. This is also a good example of how once government is established in business, its hold can seldom be broken.
While printing return addresses on envelopes might be called a matter of small concern in the field of business, it is the principle involved that should interest everyone. From printing envelopes government has gone into many lines of business, most outstanding of which has been a 20-year crusade to create a federal electric power monopoly. Already some 20 per cent of the nation's power production is included in such a program. A large part of it is wholly tax-exempt. Some of it contributes comparatively small amounts to help with local taxes—it escapes all federal taxes.
From printing envelopes to half billion and billion dollar tax-exempt federal projects is quite a step, but the principle involved so far as putting private citizens out of business is the same. It is only another step for the government to sell groceries, automobiles, or to print newspapers "at cost," etc. It is all in the socialistic picture as it gains headway.

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A radiant bride was the former Marie Nason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin G. Nason of Lake street, pictured at the time of her recent marriage to Arthur W. Gott, 43 Greenwood street, Melrose. (Photo by Sottile)

THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Sale of Town Owned Land?
Dean Cushing, Town Manager, reported to the Selectmen Monday evening that an out of town firm wished to buy some certain town owned land, and was willing to pay \$1300 a acre for a particular plot, in which it plans to have a housing development. Cushing told the Selectmen that he would be willing to sell at this price, if the purchaser would put in water mains, hydrants and build the already laid out streets to satisfactory grade and surface same.

The Selectmen, in discussing the proposal, thought that if such a sale were to be made, it

should be made at a Selectmen's sale, which the town has voted must be an auction, held in the evening, and properly advertised. Because other persons have evinced interest in other parcels of land, Selectman Lawler thought that as much of these parcels as could be properly and legally prepared for a Selectmen's sale should be included, and sold at the same time to the highest bidders. The legal difficulty which faces the Selectmen, on this point, it was decided, was as to whether or not the attorney who has been checking the titles of land owned by the town had finished any of the particular parcels for which there is demand. The Selectmen

also were aware of the fact that possibly there was not enough money in their own expense account to conduct such a sale. The Selectmen finally agreed that they would conduct a Selectmen's sale, during the evening of December 14th, of such land as could be ready, if it proved feasible to do so.

Resignation of Helwig

TM Cushing announced that he had accepted with regret, the resignation of Claude W. Helwig, from the Recreation Commission. Mr. Helwig, an airlines pilot, has been assigned to duties which will keep him out of Wilmington for perhaps six months. Cushing stated that Helwig was not resigning as a member of the Planning Board. Cushing described Helwig's service on the Planning Board as "valuable," and was happy that Helwig was not resigning from that Board.

Postoffice

Cushing read the latest correspondence with reference to the Wilmington postoffice, which confirmed earlier news about its transference to the building owned by E. Melvin Woodside, in a letter from Senator Saltonstall. Cushing also related of a telephone conversation with Congressman Edith Nourse Rogers, about complaints about the new location. Cushing told Mrs. Rogers that the site had been decided by the postoffice department, as the result of firm bids, and that if people wished to complain they had a right to do so, but that the Postoffice Department had to make a choice from sites that were offered. Mrs. Drew asked the Town Manager if he were aware of the fact that there are "several" petitions going around town, against the new location of the postoffice.

Street Lights

Cushing reported that the cost, over the old cost, to the town, for the two new street lights near North Wilmington station was \$30 a year, and for that money the town was getting 6,000 lumens. The lights, in the opinion of the Town Manager, were very good.

The mercury vapor lamps, ordered for Wilmington square will probably be installed in January, Cushing reported.

Public Health

A complaint, by a private person, against a privately owned place in Wilmington had caused the Town Manager to have an inspection of the premises by the Town Sanitarian. Cushing reported that that gentleman had found nothing that seemed to be a menace to public health.

Police - Fire Station

The Wilmington police moved into the combined fire station last week, the TM stated. He

took cognizance of various reports of complaints about the new station, in an off the cuff statement.

Cushing stated that the two departments were now in a station which was better than that of many nearby communities, and it was up to the two departments to get along, in that station. It was up to the Chiefs of the two departments to see that they did, he stated. He emphasized that there was nothing personal in his statements, but that the town had spent a lot of money for the station, for which it would be paying for the next fifteen years, and if any member of either department didn't want to stay there, he could go work somewhere else.

The station is not yet completed, in all details, Cushing stated, and he hopes to have a meeting soon, with the architect and the builder, to get the last details straightened out.

In a general discussion about the building, the TM stated that wooden bunks had been built in the two cells, which were used for the first time last week, when two drunks were locked up. When asked if the wood in the bunks was "soft" the TM said, "No, Hard." Selectman Black hoped that something would be done quickly about lights in front of the station. He termed the sidewalk "dangerous," in front of the station, because of the lack of lights. Black also commented on the location of the Fire Chief's office, reminding the TM that it had been suggested last spring that it be moved upstairs, to which the TM stated that it would be, eventually, but not right away.

Black wanted to know "when are we going to get rid of the dump" (referred to the old fire station), and Mrs. Drew added— "Let's get rid of it."

Town Cars

Selectman Black asked if the Town Manager was planning to have two police cars next year, as he had once indicated he might. Cushing was not ready to reply to the question, but admitted that it would be good for police efficiency—he did say, however, that he was thinking of asking for three vehicles for town use, next year, so as to stop the use of private cars on expense account, something that he believed the various officials would be glad to hear.

Fire Hose Contract

The contract for new fire hose has been awarded, with B. F. Goodrich dacron filled hose being accepted by the town. Cost for 1500 feet of 2½ inch hose was \$1.55 a foot, for 1000 feet of 1½ inch hose \$1.05 a foot, and 900 feet of 1½ inch hose was free of any cost to the town, Cushing told the Selectmen.

Gravel 24 cents a Cubic Yard
Cushing told the Selectmen that town trucks, and those of the J. J. Cronin Company had hauled 1740 cubic yards of gravel, in one day, from the town owned gravel pit on Abigail's Island to the Salem street work,

at a net cost of 24 cents a yard. He was quite elated at this low cost of gravel.

Budget

The 1954 budget preparations are well along, the TM stated. The budget should be in the hands of the individual department heads within a few days, and the budget should be ready to submit to the Selectmen by the December 14th meeting, Cushing reported.

Selectmen's Business

The Selectmen spent some time with a lady from the Welcome Wagon, who had come from Melrose to call on the Selectmen. This lady told the Selectmen that the Welcome Wagon was a civic service, and is in 65 towns around Boston. The Selectmen were interested in the details of the business, and asked several questions concerning the calls, and the methods of sponsoring business, all of which were answered to the Selectmen's satisfaction.

An application to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for a pedlars license, by Leon Gagnon, Lake street, was approved by the Selectmen.

An application for an auctioneer's license, by Robert Moran, south Main street was granted by the Selectmen.

An application from Fred Smith, Concord street, for the right to remove some gravel from property owned by him was approved, with the stipulation that the Town Manager was to draw up the details of the permit. No loam is to be removed.

A notice was read of a hearing, at 2 p.m., December 18th, in room 480, State House, by the Department of Public Welfare, with reference to medical care, and the choice of personal physicians, by persons receiving state aid.

The Selectmen also asked the Town Manager to prepare a suitable by-law for submission to the town, at the annual town meeting next spring, for trailer parks.

Perambulation

The Wilmington Board of Selectmen is to meet with the Reading Board of Selectmen, on Saturday at 11 a.m. on the town line, West street, for the perambulation of the mutual town line. Required by law to occur once every five years, perambulation is the act of mutually inspecting all common boundaries between any two towns, by the Selectmen of those towns, to make sure that all boundary stones are in correct position.

Light Pole Relocation

Permission was granted to the NET&T and the Reading Municipal Light Co. to relocate a light pole, at the corner of Main street and Lowell street, and an application was received for a hearing on December 14th for permission to place five poles, and remove two on Woburn street, near Concord street.

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DARING ROBBERY BY SAFE-BLOWERS

CRACKSMEN LOOT NORTH WILMINGTON POST OFFICE OF \$200. AUTHORITIES HOT ON MARAUDERS' TRAIL

North Wilmington was the scene of an audacious robbery last Thursday morning. Divers evil-disposed persons entered the North Wilmington station of the Boston & Maine Railroad about three o'clock and did then and there feloniously and with malice aforethought, inflict grievous and painful injuries upon the trusty and well-intentioned post office safe, blowing off the door thereof by means of some explosive substance, supposed to have been dynamite.

W.W. Carter, the urbane and popular post master and station agent, heard the detonation and immediately made good use of the telephone, thereby summoning enough neighbors to constitute a posse, at the head of which he made all haste to reach the scene of the goings on, which at first he believed to be the grocery store of Buck Brothers. To his great astonishment, he found that it was the station which had been torpedoed, some-

thing over \$200 having been abstracted, the marauders having withdrawn under cover of the night and other things.

The local police authorities displayed their customary zeal and efficiency and obtained a number of valuable clues. At the present writing they still have the clues. So far as is known the burglars still have the \$200.

As is usual on such occasions, various theories have been advanced by different persons as to how the robbers came and went, and some individuals claim to possess evidence that they profess to believe is significant. According to these various accounts the burglars departed by means of a team which they had awaiting them at Blanchard's crossing; they drove to Reading, tried to enter the railroad station there but were frightened off and went away in an automobile that was waiting for them there; one of the crossing tenders' houses was entered and looted of an alarm clock; and as a house was reported entered in the south part of the town at about the same time, the multiplicity of reports leads only to confusion.

The authorities, however, may call upon certain residents of the town to explain where they were and what they were doing a short time before and shortly after the break. If they can give a satisfactory account of themselves further search may be made for the culprits.

THE GRILL

Congress of Beauty

It had been hoped that the program of entertainment for the current year was to include an event that would crowd the legendary Judgement of Paris back into the fog of oblivion. The personal attractiveness of divers and sundry of the maids and young matrons of Wilmington Grange had been the subject of so much approving comment on the part of numerous bachelors—and, it is whispered, also of certain of the staid married men—of neighboring Granges, that it was believed that a Congress of Beauty could be arranged, on an admission basis, which would attract a large patronage from far and near and add materially to the building fund. Handsome premiums for personal loveliness were to have been offered. Owing to dissensions among the chief attractions, however, which are said to rival the discord that arose between the jealous goddesses over the award of the golden apple in the legend above referred to, it has been found impossible to secure anybody with sufficient hardihood to serve on the board of judges, as it is feared by all that the authorities would be unable to guarantee them protection. The plan, therefore, has been abandoned.

An arctic expedition is shortly to be organized to go to the rescue of whatever survivors there may be of the Literary Committee's ill-fated trip to Andover. The party will start on dog sledges, and will be prepared for a long sojourn in polar regions.

Suggestions for the "Good of the Order."

A hall for Wilmington Grange.

A megaphone to enable Brother H. N. Buck to decline office at next election.

A lantern for Sister Winnie J. Dodge to carry Grange nights; she's afraid to go home in the dark.

A buffet car to take with us to Lowell when the rest of the Grange take their fifth degree.

A supply of available bachelors, in order that our Selectmen may give police protection to unprotected females in dangerous portions of the town.

A pair of draught horses for Dr. Dodge's automobile.

Latch keys for Grange members whose help-meets do not belong.

Hand-warmers for some of the leftovers to carry on future trolley parties.

N. B.

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George F. Dodge

Editors Note: The above is almost an exact copy of what is believed to have been the first paper published in Wilmington. It was loaned to the editor by Mr. Rodney Buck, of North Wilmington.

Among the persons mentioned

in the paper is Mr. H.N. Buck, father of Rodney Buck. The reference to him, in "Good of the Order," is probably to his political aspirations, as he was shortly afterwards elected a member of the Massachusetts legislature.

Fred Lowell, the printer of

the paper, lived at that time in the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens, on Federal street. A.W. Eames, who is advertising 'Firewood,' was the father of Ernest Eames, recently retired custodian of the Town Hall. The advertisements of Al-

bert C. Buck, and J. Howard Eames refer to the fact that both were well known butchers who sold meat from the butcher wagons, well known in Wilmington in former years.

W.W. Carter, referred to in the story of the robbery, as an

THE GRILL

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Wilmington, Mass., March 24, 1909

Editorial Notes

It has been suggested that it might be a good thing to organize a Home Study Department for the benefit of those members of the Grange who do not attend the regular meetings.

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He who removes his flannels early flirts with the undertaker.

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From every point of view the Grange organization is the best adapted to "uplift" the American farmer.

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The city people are becoming so interested in farmers' institutes that in many places they compose the largest part of the audience.

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The old proverb, "There is nothing new under the sun," has no reference to farming.

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The man who borrows trouble as a rule has to go off his own farm to find it.

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H. N. Buck, H. M. Horton	
Indian Woman,	Miss Ida B. Gurney
Pickle Woman,	Mrs. Emma Perry
Hokey Pokey,	J. Howard Eames
Flower Girls,	Misses Annie Nichols,
	Myra Shaw
Doughnut Women,	Mrs. Charles Osbon
	Mrs. H. H. Hecox
Jew Peddler,	Lester Perry
Tambourine Girl,	Miss Nina Kincaid
Peanut Vender,	Guy Nichols
Apple Woman,	Mrs. Mabel Snowman
Jellies and Preserves,	Mrs. Emma Buck
Candy Seller,	Miss Helen Carter
Hurdy Gurdy,	Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richardson
Teddy Bear,	Harry Osbon

Breezy Brieflets

An automobile Association has been organized among the sports of the local medical fraternity.

On the occasion of his next visit to Massachusetts President Taft will visit Wilmington Grange—if he has time—and will be made a Granger "on suspicion."

A bee has been heard buzzing about the office of the head of a well known firm of grocers in this town.

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urbane and popular postmaster lived in the house that stands next to the North Wilmington postoffice. At that time the post office was in the railroad depot, at North Wilmington.

No one seems to know whether or not the safe crackers were ever caught.

HUNDREDS PRAY
FOR LITTLE BOY

(Continued from Page 1)

Connell, a neighbor, who had been attracted by the screams.

The clothing ripped off, young Michael was found to be badly burned about the body. His shoes, soaked with kerosene, had not caught on fire. Stack, the father, afterwards discovered that all the skin on both his hands had been burned off, while he was removing the boy's clothing, but he did not realize this right away.

Because of the wet weather, it was impossible to use the Stack telephone, and a call had to be put in from the neighbor's home. The Wilmington police were notified, and Officer George Shepard res-

ponded in the cruiser. He met the Stack family, being driven up Marion street, and the boy was transferred to the cruiser, and rushed to Choate Memorial hospital, in Woburn.

At the hospital he was treated by Dr. J. Vincent DiRago, and his name was placed on the danger list. Dr. DiRago and nurses sat by his bedside all night, and the Red Cross supplied blood, of a rare type, from its Boston office, which was rushed out by taxicab, by a relative of the Stack family.

There has been a continual watch, by the bedside, ever since. Dr. DiRago, in summing up the boy's chances, has said: "We are doing everything we can. The rest can be accomplished only by prayer."

Michael is the youngest child in the Stack family. His fourth birthday will fall on the day after Christmas, and he has a sister, Lorraine,

8, and a brother, James, 12.

Mr. Stack, the operator of a Wilmington taxi business is confined to his home, unable to work because of his badly burned hands. He has been told he will be unable to use his hands for several months, at least, as a result of the burns. Neighbors have taken up a collection for the Stack family, and other efforts to assist the family have been reported.

REBECCA SEWING CIRCLE
XMAS PARTY

The Ladies of the Rebecca Sewing Circle will have a Christmas party on Dec. 7th, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Mary Starr, on Middlesex Avenue.

SUMNER WHITTIER IN TOWN
LAST NIGHT

Sumner Whittier, Lt. Governor of Massachusetts, who spoke last night in Tewksbury, stopped in to see a fellow politician, as he returned home to Everett. George Spanos, Mayor of Wilmington was very happy to be able to offer refreshments, in the shape of one cup of coffee, to his friend.

KNUTE BACKMAN ON WAY
HOME

Knute Backman Chestnut street, is expected home shortly, for a two weeks leave. He has been stationed at Brainbridge, Maryland, with the US Navy, for the past few months, but will have a new assignment, at the end of the two weeks leave.

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ALBERT CUOCO

Albert Cuoco, Dunton road, has a new address. It is now Albert Cuoco, TEI, USN, Fleet Air Wing 5, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY WHIST
BY O. E. S.

The Billerica Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold a Christmas turkey whist on December 11, at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Temple Billerica Centre. Chairmen of the whist are; Mrs. Beth Johansen and Mrs. Phebe Mitchell.

Washington (IES)—Senator Symington's criticism of the air defense cutbacks is producing results in Secretary Wilson's office.

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